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15 Significant Women

Week 8: The Primacy of the Word

Scripture: Luke 10:38-42

Focus: Martha, Mary, and the subversion of gender norms.

1. In the first century, why was Mary sitting at Jesus' feet a "radical subversion" of Jewish custom?
2. Martha's "distraction" was serving. Is Jesus condemning service, or something else?
3. How do we distinguish between "godly hospitality" and "anxious performance"?
4. What is the "one thing necessary" (*the Logos*) that Mary chose?
5. How does the "work vs. prayer" dichotomy often lead to burnout in ministry?
6. If Jesus is the Guest, why is Mary's posture of *receiving* more honoring than Martha's posture of *giving*?
7. How can we protect our "sitting at the feet of the Rabbi" in a culture that rewards constant busyness?
8. Does our church culture today unintentionally "Martha-ize" women by keeping them in the kitchen and away from the Word?
9. How does "the Word" serve as the central pillar for all other forms of diakonia (service)?
10. What practical steps can you take to audit your schedule for "Word-centered" discipleship?

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